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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR SCALI'S CALL ON SOMALI PRESIDENT

SIAD, OCTOBER 9

1. IN HIS CAPACITY AS PERMREP OF HOST COUNTRY,
AMBASSADOR SCALI PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT
SIAD, OCTOBER 9.

2. SIAD EXPRESSED DEEP SATISFACTION WITH BEING IN
UNITED STATES AND HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AT FIRST-
HAND RESULTS OF HARD WORK OF AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE
LIKES AMERICANS, AND LOOKS FORWARD GREATLY TO MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN WASHINGTON. SIAD SAID THAT HE
HAD BEEN ENORMOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE FRUITS OF THE
LABOR OF THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF THE CURRENT
GENERATION OF AMERICANS. HE HOPED THAT AMERICA WOULD
EXTEND TO THOSE NATIONS LESS FORTUNATE THE BENEFITS
OF HER WEALTH. SOMALIA, DESPITE ENORMOUS MINERAL
WEALTH AND FERTILE LAND, DESPERATELY NEEDED WATER AND
FOOD. WOULD AMERICA MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ASSIST
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SOMALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE SAME SITUATION?

3. AMBASSADOR SCALI REPLIED THAT, IF CONGRESS AND THE WEATHER COOPERATE, THE US WOULD OFFER THE EQUIVALENT VALUE OF \$1 BILLION IN FOOD AND OTHER AID THIS YEAR TO PARTICULARLY NEEDY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. SINCE 1945, THE US HAS PROVIDED THE EQUIVALENT OF \$25 BILLION WORTH OF FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED.

4. SIAD COMMENTED THAT THOSE WHO TRY TO DESCRIBE SOMALIA AS "COMMUNIST" ARE WRONG, AND SEED MISUNDERSTANDING. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA: SIAD ADDED THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO BASES OF ANY SORT, AND WOULD NOT CONSENT TO HAVING ONE WHETHER IT BE SOVIET OR US.

5. IN CLOSING, AMBASSADOR SCALI ONCE AGAIN WELCOMED SIAD AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD PROSPER.
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